# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship
Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan;Innocent Shri

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of Scheduled Caste applicants under the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) and the number of students awarded the said Fellowship during each of the last three years and the current year, course and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any targets under the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the targets achieved therein; and

(d) the total amount spent on the scheme during the said period?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) to (c) The details of total number of Scheduled Castes applicants and the awardees under the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme during each of the last three years is as under:-

Selection Year No. of Applicants No. of Fellowship Awards
2012-13 8418 2000
2013-14 7736 2000
2014-15 11346 2000
2015-16 Selection process is not yet completed.

A total of 2000 awards are given per year under RGNF(SC) by University Grants Commission to research students pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D. State-wise details of the awardees for the last three years is annexed.

(d) The details of total amount spent by the University Grants Commission during the last three years and current year is as under:-
Rs. in crore
Selection Year Amount spent by UGC
2012-13 61.57
2013-14 85.53
2014-15 142.09
2015-16 112.32
Total 401.51
An amount of Rs. 401.51 crore has been spent on the scheme during the said period.